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SUBJ: VISIT TO AFRICA BY UN DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE GROUP

1. DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO FINAL PRESS COMMUNIQUE
BY UN COMMITTEE OF 24 AD HOC GROUP, RELEASED IN ADDIS ABABA
MAY 4 (FULL TEXT BEING POUCHED DEPT (IO/UNP - TEFFT)).

2. BRITISH HERE ATTACH CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO GROUP'S
CONSIDERATION OF "AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA"
AND DESCRIBE IT AS ONE POSSIBLE INITIATIVE BY FOUR
"FRONT LINE" PRESIDENTS. PERTINENT SECTION OF PRESS RELEASE
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QUOTE:

GA/COL/1712

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"ONE NEW SUPPORTIVE ACTION THE GROUP IS MOST SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING IS THE CONVENING UNDER UNITED NATIONS AUSPICES OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA, ALONG THE LINES OF THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL OSLO CONFERENCE, IN SUPPORT OF THE VICTIMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND APARTHEID IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THIS IDEA WAS PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, WHICH SAW SUCH A CONFERENCE, ATTENDED BY GOVERNMENTAL LEADERS, LIBERATION MOVEMENT LEADERS, EXPERTS, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND TAKING PLACE IN A FRONT LINE AREA, AS AN INVALUABLE VEHICLE FOR AROUSING WORLD PUBLIC OPINION IN SUPPORT OF THEIR STRUGGLE, A WORLD PUBLIC OPINION WHICH MUST BE AROUSED BY BEING MADE AWARE, BEYOND A SHADOW OF A DOUBT, THAT IT IS THE ILLEGAL RACIST MINORITY REGIMES WHICH HAVE FORCED THE POPULAR ARMED STRUGGLE BECAUSE OF THEIR INTRANSIGENCE AND UNDILATED DESIRE TO MAINTAIN THEIR ILLEGITIMATE PRIVILEGES." UNQUOTE.

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